

installations, at home and abroad. In doing so, Captain Moore maintained the essential day-to-day mission of the base, keeping sailors trained and ever improving upon their mission of combat readiness. The 15 attack submarines stationed in Groton still kept a high tempo of deployments and did not miss one single day of schedule due to the pandemic.

Captain Moore never ceased his work to better the community on SUBASE New London via his connection to the families and childcare on the naval base. During his command, he oversaw the opening of the only United Service Organizations center in Connecticut which will continue to help provide much-needed resources and relief for the servicemembers and families of SUBASE New London. For all his efforts in his two and a half years of command, it is no surprise that the men and women at Naval Submarine Base New London will remember Captain Moore as he is—a devoted, enduring, and passionate leader.

Madam Speaker, I have had the honor to represent the Town of Groton and the servicemembers on SUBASE New London for many years in Congress, and as such, I have seen firsthand Captain Moore's dedicated work. As he turns over his command of SUBASE New London, Captain Moore will continue to work on the base with the Undersea Warfighting Development Center to help decide future investment priorities for the submarine force. To that end, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating and thanking Captain Todd D. Moore on a long history of service to our country, and further wishing himself, his wife Carrie and two children the best in this new chapter for their family.

MARIE BEELER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marie Beeler for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year Award.

This award is given to a member of the community who has displayed outstanding leadership and a passion for helping those around them. Marie has been described as a local hero, someone who sees the good in people, and who is able to recognize the issues facing her community and tackle them head on.

Through her work with HOPE (Help Our People Eat), Arvada High School, Severe Weather Network, migrant ministry, Hope House and a variety of other causes and organizations, she has helped feed thousands of Coloradans in need. She personally hauls loads of canned goods, backpacks full of school supplies and other heavy items in and out of her truck. Her passion comes from a deep belief that a child is only able to learn when he/she fed and alert. Enabling children to learn will ensure they get an education which will lead to a good-paying job and success beyond the classroom. Marie has continuously served as the voice and a champion for those who need it most—the disenfranchised, the poor, or the minority—across Arvada.

Congratulations to Marie Beeler for receiving the Woman of the Year Award. Her hard work, compassion and dedication to our community is greatly appreciated.

HONORING GEORGE M. TABER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George M. Taber for his monumental contributions to the California wine community.

Born and raised in Riverside, California, in 1942, Mr. Taber attended Loyola High School in Los Angeles where he graduated in 1960. He then graduated from Georgetown University in 1964 where he received his BA in Political Science. One year later, Mr. Taber attained his Degree in European Studies while attending the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. Although he never moved back to California, he reconnected with his Californian roots after writing his article on the 1976 Judgement of Paris, an event that showcased California's finest wines in competition with top wines from France. At this event, Napa Valley Wineries took first prize for both their red and white wines. He was the only reporter who covered this event that forever changed California's standing in the wine community and attracted world-wide attention. The influence of Mr. Taber's reporting was so influential that the San Francisco Chronicle deemed his article as "the most significant news story ever written about wine."

As a hard-working and dedicated journalist, Mr. Taber dedicated 21 years of his life as a reporter and editor with TIME Magazine based in Bonn, Germany; Paris, France; Houston, Texas; and New York. With his growing love for wine, he went on to write several books, including "Judgment of Paris: California vs. France and the Historic 1976 Paris Tasting That Revolutionized Wine" and "To Cork or Not to Cork," which won the Jane Grigson Award from the International Association of Culinary Professionals. This award is given to those who have demonstrated distinguished scholarship and research into cookbooks. Mr. Taber was also a finalist for the James Beard Award for best book on wine and alcohol and the Andrew Simon Award for best wine book.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Taber's exemplary journalism has brought great prosperity to California's wine community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF SHERIFF RON SEALS

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Ron Seals, a beloved Sheriff and dedicated public servant of Sevier County, Tennessee. Mr. Seals is currently the Sheriff of Sevier County in beautiful East Tennessee, having served the citizens for forty-

nine years in a law enforcement career that has spanned six decades.

In 2007, he was appointed Sheriff and he ran for and was elected Sheriff to fill the remaining term of Sheriff Bruce Montgomery. He subsequently won elections in 2008, 2010, 2014, and 2018. He was named "Sheriff of the Year" in 2012, an honor bestowed upon him by the other 94 Sheriffs in the State of Tennessee. A Sevier County native, he graduated from Sevier County High School and then graduated from Walters State Community College with an associate degree in Criminal Justice. He is also a graduate of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy. Over his career, he has worked as a dispatcher, corrections officer, a police officer in the Patrol Division, a Sergeant in the Patrol Division, Assistant Chief of a Police Department, Chief Deputy and Deputy Chief of Administration.

In 2014, he was recognized by Walters State Community College with the Distinguished Alumni Civic Achievement Award for his service with WSCC and the Sevier County community. He has been recognized by the Humane Society of the United States and was given the Humane Law Enforcement Award for leadership in combating illegal animal abuse. He is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Sevier, and a member of the Scottish Rite and the Kerbel Shriners. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police-Smoky Mountain Lodge No. 31 and the Southern States Police Benevolent Association, Smoky Mountain Chapter. In 2014 the Sevier County Sheriff's office received accreditation with the State of Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation program. He created a professional records division, served as part of the design team for the Sevier County jail that opened in 1991 and managed the main jail expansion in 2002.

His legacy of love includes being married to his wife, Wanda. He says, "I am blessed beyond measure to serve in what I believe to be the finest place on earth."

Madam Speaker, Sheriff Ron Seals, has had a distinguished career in law enforcement and has served the citizens of Sevier County with honor and integrity and I proudly honor him.

HONORING JONI THORNTON AND
NICOLE MORTENSON AS IOWANS
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two dedicated leaders for mental health and suicide prevention in our community—Joni Thornton and Nicole Mortenson. Joni and Nicole are co-chairs of the Out of the Darkness Central Iowa Walk. The annual walk is part of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in Iowa and helps raise awareness for suicide prevention and mental health in the community.

Joni and Nicole led a very successful walk in Ankeny on September 19. Hundreds of Iowans gathered at the DMACC campus to share hope for families affected by suicide. The event also featured a virtual memorial wall on Facebook to honor the lives lost to suicide in the past year.